

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9 will be pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly recite that each module is also provided with an external roof covering of load-bearing boarding which extends close to but not up to the outside perimeter of the top of the module, and the external perimeter of the module is clad with an edging of cold-formed lightweight steel which has a first portion which laps around the top of the side and end walls of the module and a second portion which laps over the outside edge of the boarding, so that between the first and second portions of the edging is formed a peripheral locating recess into which the location flange of a vertically adjacent building module can accurately locate. Basis for the amended language of Claim 1 can be found in the specification, for example, on page 3, line 25 to page 4, line 24. Dependent Claim 6 has been amended to conform with the amended language of Claim 1. No issue of new matter is presented.

Claim 9 has been amended to more clearly recite that one or more levelling units comprising a skeletal shell of structural steel peripheral members and cross-members define a footprint of a modular building unit according to claim 1, and a peripheral recess formed around the respective levelling unit into which the location flange of the corresponding modular building unit can accurately locate. Basis for the amended language of Claim 9 can be found in the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 1-14 and page 6, lines 13-26. No issue of new matter is presented.

In the event that it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4340 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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